informal sector in India including the nature of enterprises, magnitude of employment; identifying constraints faced by small enterprises and review of the social security system available for labour in the informal sector, and make recommendations for expanding their coverage. Recently the Government has enacted National Rural Employment Guarantee Act which provides for 100 days of guaranteed wage employment in every financial year to every household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work. The Government also propose to enact a comprehensive legislation to provide social security and welfare measures to the workers in the unorganized sector.

Early Warning System for Tsunami

1739. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of OCEAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up early warning stations/ systems in the seas surrounding the country for waring on Tsunami;

(b) if so, the number and places where such early warning systems/ stations are proposed to be set up and the time by which the work in this regard would be completed; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, The Government has approved the project to set up an Early Warning System for Tsunami and Storm Surges in the Indian Ocean Region with the following components:

- strengthening of the existing seismological network to indicate, near real time occurrence of tsunamigenic earthquakes;
- installation of tsunami warning sensors close to the ocean bottom at appropriate locales in the Indian Ocean, with real time connectivity;
- Tide gauge and data buoys networking to validate arrival of tsunami waves at the coast;
- Modelling of the inundation scenarios for the entire coast and mapping of potential risk areas;
- collection of information, analysis and generating status advisories.

The warning system is scheduled to be operational by September, 2007 at Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), Hyderabad on a 24x7 basis.

(c) Doesn't arise.

Live squid in wild sea

1740. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of OCEAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Japanese scientists have observed a giant live squid in wild sea;

(b) if so, the detail thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Indian scientists on the observation of Japanese scientists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The giant squid was photographed at the depth of 2950 feet (900 meters) beneath the North Pacific Ocean in Japanese waters, where Japanese scientists attracted it toward cameras on a baited fishing line, on the 30th of September 2004. Results were published in the "Proceedings of the Royal Society B" in its September 2005 issue. The researchers recovered a tentacle from the giant squid after it escaped. Analysis confirmed that the tentacle belonged to the Architeuthis sp. The tentacle measured 18 feet (5.5 meters) in length. Using its size as a guide, the team estimated the animal to be 26 feet long (8 meters).

(c) This is an important observation, which brings out the fact that Architeuthis sp. is a much more active predator, which was previously suspected of lethargic behaviour.

Punishment to corrupt officers

1741. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Vigilance Commission had recommended a major punishment for certain officials who were found involved in corruption cases during the year 2004 but the concerned Department have not taken action against them;